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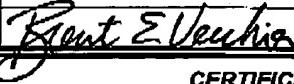
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| <i>Filing Date</i>            | June 29, 2001 |
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| <i>Art Unit</i>               | 2161          |
| <i>Examiner Name</i>          | Chen, Te Y.   |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 42390P11146   |

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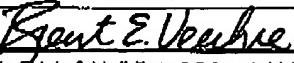
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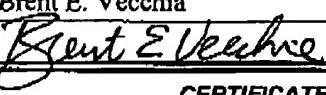
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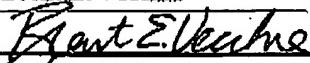
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